

CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE CHURCHES; BELLS RING EARLY

Special Services and Programs of Music Planned for Tomorrow Morning, Afternoon and Night.

As dawn approaches tomorrow mornne and the morning stor creens to rest in the gray sky, Christian Philadelphia



will arise with thanks to God for the birth of the Child Jesus 1514 years ago in the little town of Beth-lehem, and thousands will go to places of worship to sing praises and to hear sermons appropriate to Christmas Day.

into the night there will be special servfees and sermons, Masses, musical pro-grams and exercises in the city churches in celebration of the birth of the Prince of Peace. Even before the first gleam of the morning sunablee sheds its welcome rays on the eastern horizon, the chimes will gladden the hearts of Christ's followers with their cheerful music, and the great bells in the belfries of edifices f every Christian creed will reawaken the hearts of God's children their grat-

the earliest services, as usual, will be the Catholic and High Episcopal arches, in all of which there will be cial Masses at the break of day. In out of the other churches there will be cial musical programs and sermons at 10:20 or 11 o'clock; and in not a few the Sunday schools will hold special exercises and entertainments in the evening, when the children will take part in songs, drills and recitations. Holly and all kinds of evergreen have

seen used extensively in the decorations, and the fragrance of pine, cedar and semilock will greet the worshipers. In many churches large trees have been put into place, bearing gifts for the children, and these will be brightly illuminated with electric lights of many colors. AT THE CATHEDRAL.

In the Cathedral on Logan Square the day's observance will be opened with a day's observance will be opened with a Pontifical Mass. Archbishop Prendergast will celebrate the Mass, the Rev. Dr. Edmund J. Fitzmaurice, the chancellor, will be assistant priest, and the Revs. Richard Kelly and Joseph O'Hara will be descons of honor. The Rev. Doctor Gliday, of the Catholic University, Washington, will preach the sermon. There will be Masses every half hour following the 5 o'clock service, until 10.30 o'clock, at which time the Rev. Henry Schuyler will preach. In the afternoon at 3.30

and Locust streets, there will be programs of music at the 5 and 11 s. m. Solemn High Mass. In the choir are 35 boy sopranos and altos and a chorus of The soloists are Charles Siegler, Samuel Carpenter, Frederick Riemann and Pelix Addis. Miss Nora M. Burke

to the director and organist. The Christmas celebration in the Epis-copal Church of the Incarnation, Broad and Jefferson streets, will open tonight with a carol sarvice by the Sunday school. Tomorrow morning there will be Holy Communion at 3, and again at 19:30, when there will be morning prayer and a ser-mon by the rector, the Rev. Norman V. P. Levis.

There will be Holy Communion at the Church of St. Jude and the Nativity, lith and Mt. Vernon arrests, at 9:30 s'clock tomorrow merning; at 19:30 in Old weden' Church, Swanson street below bristian; at 8 and 10:30 in Grace Church, Girard avenue, above 41st street; 6:30, 8 and II in Old St. Peter's Church, 3d and Pine streets; at 10:30 o'clock in St. An-Grew's, 5th and Spruce streets; at 5:10 and 10:39 in St. Matthew's Church, 18th

drew's, 5th and Spruce streets; at 8:19 and 10:30 in St. Matthew's Church, 18th and Girard avenue.

Elaborate arrangements have been made for the observance in St. James' Church, 12d and Walnut streets. There will be Holy Communion at 6:30, 8 and 11 o'clock. At the 11 o'clock services the Hight Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Gariand, bisings suffragan of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, will preach.

At St. Stephen's Church, 16th street above Chartnut there will be Holy Communion at 8 and 11 o'clock, and at the last service a special program of music will be given and there will be a sermon. At St. Clement's Church, 26th and Charry streets, there will be Masses at 3. This and 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. St. Mark's Church, 18th and Walnut streets, the Rev. Elliott White, rectar, will have celebrations of the Holy Cummunion at 7, 8 and 8 o'clock, and at 1850, following a procession, a Cheral Entharist will be obserted.

BISHOP RHINELANDER AT SERVICES Eispiop Bhinelander will officiate at the Christinas services in St. Michael's Episoppi Church. Germantown, temogrowserving An elaborate program of music, including the cantata. 'Cradis of Christ.' will be given under the direction of James E. Corneal, the cholronaster. At the Lattheran Church of the Hoty Communician, Est and Chestaut streets, there will be services tamorrow morning at 11 pricest. In the Lattheran Church of St. Mark, 18th and Spring Garden sirecte, and St. Matthew's Church, Broad and Mt. Vocama streets, there will be special services, with an elaborate music

made of programs of music to be given in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 50th street and Raitimore avenue, and services morning and evening. Miss May Porter

is the director in charge.

The Rev. F. A. Taglialatela will preach in Italian in the First Unitarian Church, 22d and Chestnut streets, at special serv-

ces at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.
The "Billy" Sunday prayer meetings
will be continued in the evening in homes will be continued in the evening in homes throughout the city, and because of the great interest in blocks 5, 6 and 18 of the 20th District, in the southwestern part of the city, a meeting will be held in the evening at 8 o'clock in a large storerdom at 67th street and Woodland avenue.

One of the largest Christmas celebrations in the city will be the annual reunion of the A. J. Drexel Biddle Bible Classes in the winter home, at 1917 Mt. Vernon street, tomorrow afternoon, Arrangements have been made to entertain about 15,000 members.

DAY OF GREAT JOY **AWAITS NEEDY AT** MISSIONS OF CITY

Religious and Church Organizations Have Provided Christmas Dinners and Entertainments.

No person need to go through Christmas hungry in Philadelphia. True to her name of the City of Brotherly Love, the church and religious organizations have prepared bountifully to feed the poor and unfortunate.

Scores of institutions and societies will keep open house during the day, and it addition to providing tasteful dinners will permit the unfortunates the shelter and warmth of their buildings and will see to it that there is plenty of entertainment for them while they wait.

At the Inasmuch Mission, Superintendent and Mrs. George W. Long anticipate the greatest Christmas dinner they have the greatest Christians dinner they have ever served. Dinners of turkey and all the good things that go with it will be prepared for 1200 guests, besides the hundreds that will be fed in the bread line in the early morning. The line will start at 4 o'clock and at 10 o'clock the auditorium will be opened, so that all who linger for their dinners may crowd into it and

keep warm.
An elaborate entertainment program has been arranged. Bishop Rhinelander will e present at 1 o'clock, and other speakers be present at 1 o'clock, and other speakers will include A. J. Drexel Biddle and the Rev. George S. Gassner, of the Seamen's Church Institute. A. H. oranger, one of the directors, will have as special guests some of the soloists of the Cypheus Soclety, who will render musical selections.

Church, will preach.
At the Gaillee Mission, 823 Vine street, Superintendent Hall plans to give dinner to 400 to 500 men. Previous to the feast

there will be special music, speaking and antertainment. There will also be exer-cises in the evening. Superintendent John R. McIntyre, of the Whosever Mission, 101 East Chelten avenue, Germantown, is preparing a big feast for 250 men. In the evening there will be an elaborate Christmas entertainment. The Rev. J. M. Bennetts will participate

the program. Among other institutions that will serve dinners and bring Christmas cheer to the poor and needy are the Bethany Anchorpoor and needy are the Bethany Anchor-age, 9th street above Vine; the Episcopal City Mission, the Cathedral Day Nursery, 20th street above Cherry; Our Mother of Sorrows Day Nursery, 4719 Lancaster avenue: St. Vincent's Home and the auxiliary of the Children's Homeopathic Hospital.

MERRY CHRISTMAS" RULES ON CHANGE, AS OF YORE

Brokers Celebrate Season With Zest That Scorns Business Depression.

That Scorns Business Depression.

Four months' suspension, during which time all the money was soing out and nothins coming in, combined with the general business depression of the last year, did not stand in the way of the annual Christmas celebration of the members at the Philadelphia Stock Exchange today.

Promptly at 13 c'clock business was suspended, and until the regular closing time at 3 c'clock this afternoon the spirit of the Christmas season will reign supreme, and business troubles and cares will be forgotten, or at least put aside for the time.

Not a single feature of the celebration



CHRISTMAS JOYS WILL FILL THE CITY

Continued from Page One it was hardly necessary, but neverthe less the campaign was carried on. Thou less the camping was carried on thousands of shoppers, the majority of whom probably didn't have the necessary funds earlier, left their shopping until today, but there is no doubt that the shop-early movement got results.

be Masses every hair hour following casty, who will retair interest assections.

5 o'clock service, until 10.30 o'clock, the poor men will get a bag of the following the preach. In the afternoon at 2.30 tobacco after his dinner, through the kindness of Mrs. Hampton L. Carson. In the evening the Rev. John Grant Newman, of the evening the Rev. John Grant Newman, of the Chambers-Wylle Presbyterian and there is also the prospect, not defi-Christmas for the children at home this nite, of course, but something to hope for, of a white Christmas, the joy of young and old alike. It will give more fun to the little ones because that good old quality. Yankee ingenuity, has been called on to do more at this Christmas

time than for many years. German toy makers heretofore have sent their products to Philadelphia and other ports of this country in fleets of other ports of this country in heets of ships, starting often as early as Octo-ber. The sign "Made in Germany" has been everywhere in toyland. This year it is rarely seen. Germany has been busy making war and the United States has had to make its own toys, and it

has made them.

More than this, it has made a shipload to send abroad to the little children of Belgium, not to mention the toys that went in various other shipments, suffi-cient perhaps to fill another vessel. And the toys made by the United States this year surpass in every way those of the foreign makers. Prices are little or no higher than in former years.

The toymakers have surprised the country with some of the new inventions this year. All the old ideas have been improved upon until they will stand the battering by which childhood shows its affection for its playthings, and the new ones will do all manner of curious sturts.

Not only the children are impatient today for the dawn of the morrow. The
adults also are counting on the thrill of
pleasure that will be theirs in the morning when the patter of little feet down the stairway is followed by shouts of happi-ness over stockings builging with good things and toys piled in neat array about the decorated fir or cudar.

DAY OF JOY FOR ALL. There is another class of citizens in

PORT'S CHRISTMAS JOY IS MELLOWED BY WAR'S SHADOW

Crews of Interned Ships Beset by Fears for Loved Ones Engaged in Titanic Conflict.

Christmas will not be superlatively joyous on the steamships and sailing vessels n port tomorrow. An effort will be made to make the day a



happy one. But among the 200 odd followers of the sea interned on board the various German and Austrian craft there will be a thin thread of sorrow to moderate the joy. Their families and friends are engaged in the titanic strug-gle involving the 19

friends are engaged in the titanic strug-gle involving the 10 nations of Europe. Some of them have not heard from their loved ones since the beginning of hostilities in August. They know not hostilities in August. They know not whether they are living or dead. This dread uncertainty has produced an air of gloom, which it will be difficult to dispel. The greatest Christmas gift these exiles could receive would be good news from those near and dear to them

There are four steamships interned here. They are the Prinz Oskar and Rhaetia, of the Hamburg-American Line, flying the red, white and black of Germany: the tank steamship Ems. under the same colors, and the Austrian steamship Franconia.

The two Hamburg-American vessels are docked at the new city pier at the foot of Catharine atrest, the Eme is at Point Breeze, on the Schuyikill River, and the Franconia is at Port Richmond. The skeleton crows these vessels are compelled to carry number in the aggregate about 200 men. The German and Austrian Consule and German and Austrian accieties and oltizens are going to

Not a single feature of the celebration of former years was omitted. The shoot of the Exchange was decorated with sectionable greens, there was a band to contribute to the general gayety, and a buffet luncheon was served in the amost him a sum of the function was erved in the amost friends among its brokerage houses throughout the city.

Even employes, who resolved thair tuil pay during the suffer time the Exchange was closed, were not forgotten, and they have to divide among themsives a considerable sum, which has accumulated during saveraid days past in a special box hums for the purpose in the office of decretary Horsec H. Les.

"There was some idea at first," said P. C. Matthews, bend of the Committee on Arrangements, "that it would be het too on account of the bad year not to have the Schebration. Hut when the members bed upon the silvery pupillar, and the part of the sum the silvery pupillar, and the given and entrainments will be given be the considerable would be het too on account of the bad year not to have the Schebration. Hut when the members bed upon the silvery pupillar, of the period of the Schebration. Hut when the members bed upon the silvery pupillar, of the period of the Committees of the silvery were not only is favor of it, but felt it would be a great arises at it were not hald. So we got up a petillar to the board of governours, and thay gave the board of governours, and they gave the board of governours, and they gave the board of governours, and the gave the propose of the gave the convex

CHRISTMAS SPORTS WILL COVER A WIDE RANGE

Basketball, Soccer, Pugilism and Cross-country Runs on Program. The Phildelphia athletic world will cele-

crate Christmas Day by indulging in all forms of winter sports. On the day's program are four boxing contests, a host of bnaketball games, soccer and cross-country runs. Most of these events come under the well-known heading of "indoor aports." Consequently they will be well attended, no matter what vintage of aports." Consequently they will be well attended, no matter what vintage of weather Mr. Bliss uncorks on the glad-

some, expectant public.

All of the fight bills are on the docket for 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. At the Olympia Harry Edwards has arranged a program of unusual merit. In the wind-up Kid Wagner, of Wilkes-Barre, will

meet Buck Crouse, of Pittsburgh. There will be four other bouts in the Broad and Bainbridge streets ring.

Jack McGuigan has contracted with enough fighters for Christmas to increase the number of performances to six instead of five, the number generally pre-scribed. The feature attraction will be a six-round go between Ted Lewis, welterweight champion of England, and Young Jack O'Brien, of West Philadelphia. The Quaker City Boxing Club will enter the fighting field for the first time, stag-ing five fights. The final go will be a bat-tle between Joe Borrell, of Kensington,

and Frank Mantell of Pawtucket. At the Nonparell A. C. Tommy Coleman and Ralph Erne will meet in the windup. There will be four games in the Eastern Basketball Leegue. In the afternoon Greystock will entertain Trenten at Cooper Battalion Hall, 76th and Christian

Cooper Battalion Hall, 19th and Christian streets. This game is scheduled to begin at 3 o'clock. In the evening Greysteck will play the second half of the double-header, with Camden as the opponent. This contest will be played at Aigha Hall. De Neri and Reading will meet twice. Both ames will be staged up State, the first in the afternoon and the second in the evening. the evening. In scholastic circles the game of chief

Interest in the cage will be played by the Camden High School quintet and the slumpl five of the same school. That 60-minute contest is to be played at the P. R. R. Y. M. C. A., 3d and Mickle streets.

On Christman morning, at 19:30 o'clock the members of the Northwest Boys' Club will hold a closed, handicap, cross-country run. The runners will traverse the 3% mile course over Fairmount Park, known as the scholastic routs. Several other clubs in Philadelphia will hold close runs. The A. A. U. recently decided that only one open run could be pulled off in the same city.

MAILING STATIONS OPEN XMAS Parcel Post Deliveries Will Be Made All Day.

Postoffice stations throughout the city will be open until II o'clock Christmas morning for the sale of stamps, money orders and registered mail business.

At the Central Postoffice atamps will be said retail from 7 a. m. until poen. The money order department, the inquiry division and the registry section will be open from 7 a. m. until / II a. m. The postal savings department will be closed all day.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR POOR KIDDIES AT HOTEL ADELPHIA Boosters Club Plans to Entertain 112

Children. Christmas is so distinctly a home oc-casion that the day is a rather dull one throughout the hotels in the city. Be-yond decorating the lobbies and dining rooms with Christmas greens, little ef-fort will be made by the various manage-ments to Introduce special features to-

morrow.

For those, however, who cannot get home for Christmas many of the houses will serve special table d'hote dinners and Yuletide music will fenture the or-

and Yuletide music will feature the orchestra programs.

An exception will be made at the Hotel
Adelphia. There who Boosters' Club, an
organization of the employes of the house,
will entertain 112 poor children at a
Christmas dinner in the Gold Room, The
names of the deserving youngsters have
been obtained from Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury
through the 'Home Relief Committee,

YULETIDE SPIRIT FILLS CORRIDORS OF CITY HALL

Many Employes Given Special Christmas Vacation by Mayor — Officials Will Spend Day at Home.

The spirit of Christmas pervades every corridor and office at City Hall. From the evergreen and holly border that ringes the pavement of the big municipal building, where the merchants cry their wares, to the rim of the hat of William Penn, where new clusters of there is evidence of Christmas. MAYOR'S SPECIAL GIFT.

Mayor Blankenburg gave the holiday spirit encouragement on Monday, when he bestowed presents on several thousand workers in the city's service. His remembrance was an extra holiday to every person that can possibly be spared from duty on Saturday. By the Mayor's orders the Christmas holiday will begin tonight and continue until Monday

norning. There have been all sorts of mysterious whisperings and quiet conferences in the City Hall offices during the last few days. It is more certain than mere rumor that in at least one or two departments there have been Christmas baskets packed with turkeys and cranberry sauce and other substantials, distributed among families where otherwise stockings would not have been the only things empty tomorrow.

CHRISTMAS AT HOME.

There will be no difficulty in locating the head of any municipal department to morrow, provided you know his home address. To the question, "Where will you spend Christmas?" every city official gave the same reply, "Home."
Mayor Blankenburg will watch the Yule

log burn in his residence on West Logan square.
Director Taylor, of the Department of

City Transit, is hoping for a white Christmas, with snow to brighten the brown, weather-beaten fields about his

country place at Wayne.
Director Cooke, of the Department of
Public Works, and Director Porter, of the
Department of Public Safety, will darve turkeys in their respective residences in

lermantown.
Director Loeb, of the Department of Supplies; Director Norris, of the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, and Director Harte, of the Department of Health and Charities, will also be found at their homes all day tomorrow.

POLITICAL LEADERS PLAN "OLD-FASHIONED" XMAS

All Will Spend the Day With Their Families.

Governor-elect Brumbaugh and the political leaders have planned to spend an old-fashioned Christmas with their families. The Governor-elect will share his Christmas turkey with his aged father, the Rev. George M. Brumbaugh, who is expected to come here from his home in Marklesburg. Huntingdon County, to spend the day at Doctor Brumbaugh's home. Me west Walnut lane.

Senator Penroue will spend a quiet day in Philadelphia. He expects to ast his Christmas dimer at his home. Ell Spruce street and will, of course, visit the Union League during the day.

Senator Edwin H. Vare will have a Christmas tree at his country home in Ambier, and will spend the day there with his family. Representative William S. Vare will probably visit his brother. Senator James P. McNichol planned his Christmas many weeks ago. He went to St. Lucie, Fla., last Friday, accompanied by his family. The Senator is never so happy as when he is taking gifts from a Christmas tree or presiding over a Christmas dinner, with his entire family seated around the table, and he has planned to spend what he called before his departure a "perfect day."

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Throughout the city there will be one daily or of letters. Purcel Post deliveries with a one daily or of letters. Purcel Post deliveries will be made all day. HOLIDAY RUSH AT Y. M. C. A.

NO SANTA? NOTHING ELSE SO REAL AS DEAR OLD SANTA

Thank God! He Lives and Lives Forever, and Is Part of Beautiful Mystery of Life.

Disbellef in Santa Claus by super skeptical persons who make bold to deve the existence of this deity of the nurser



where it began, and the child is no wiser. If anything the youthful thinker exprriences a feeling akin to that accompanying the loss of a treasured possession.

This is very sad, for to lose one's Santa Claus is to be bereft of a glowing belief of childhood that ranks far above in value to the fairies which dance about one's head at night and whisper sweet things in a dream.

One day, a long while ago, a little girl whose name was Virginia, had been told there was no Santa Claus. The information was furnished by her schoolmates, who should have known better. Perhaps they spoke carelessly and later repented. dences a feeling akin to that accompany

who should have known better. Perhaps they spoke carelessly and later repented. What they said, however, alarmed Virginia. She wanted to have no doubts about the spirit of Christmas. So she wrote a letter to the editor of the New York Sun, and said: "Please tell me, is there a Santa Claus?"

And the editor of that paper, because he was a kind man and believed all his life what Virginia had been told to doubt, answered her letter. By his reply he brushed away all misgivings from the mind of his little inquirer.

What the editor wrote has been many times reprinted, but because it is so full of that same spirit which told the Wiss Men to follow the star and take their gifts to a tiny Child lying in a manger.

gifts to a tiny Child lying in a manger, it will probably be quoted many times again. He said: "Virginia, your little friends are wrong They have been affected by the skepti

cism of a skeptical age. They do not be cism of a skepical age. They do not be-lieve except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehen-sible by their little minds. All minds. Virginia, whether they be men's or chil-dren's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the bound-less world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.
"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

He exists as certaintly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no peotry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairles. You might get papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not ses Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that it has been the santa Claus. but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the

You may tear apart the bany's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah. Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

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"No Santa Ciaus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times tan thousand years from now, he will continue to make giad the heart of child-head."

CHRISTMAS CHEER

AT THE NAVY YARD Fifteen Hundred Marines to Dine Well and Hear Speeches.

Nearly 1500 elaborate Christmas, dir ners, consisting of turkey and the noise sary "trimmings," have been provided by Uncle Sam for the marines at League

Already the Christmas spirit pervalse the navy yard. The barracks are best decorated with holly, the gray was do moored to the docks are being politics and the postman is overloaded with preents for the mariness and sellors.

One thousand dinners, under the rection of Mess Sergeant James R. Paris will be served in the main mess, who Colonel L. W. T. Weller, commandant the Life Efficiency will be Lifette and Colonel Charles G. Long, of the last frame, and Lieutemant-Colonel W. Neville, of the ad Regiment. Five in dred marines, the overflow, will sat the Already the Christman spirit perved

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